



October 25, 2023

Dear Friends in Christ,

With thanksgiving for the work of the Holy Spirit, it is our joy to share several important events in calling a new Lead Pastor:

1. **Friday, November 10** The Candidate will meet with staff and with the Call Committee and Council. Meetings with staff can continue on Saturday.
2. **Saturday, November 11, 5-7PM "Meet and Greet"** the candidate for Lead Pastor in our Fellowship Hall. The candidate will be introduced. There will be an opportunity to discuss the candidate's gifts and vision for ministry in the mission of St James. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share. The candidate will close the gathering with devotions.
3. **Sunday November 12** The candidate plans to **worship** as our guest this morning. Following the Synod guidelines, the candidate will not preside or preach at worship and will leave shortly after worship prior to the meeting.

Following the 9:30 Service there will be a Congregation Meeting to extend a Call to the candidate as the Lead Pastor of St James. The agenda will include reports of the Call and Finances Committees, discussion, and the official vote. All voting members are encouraged to worship and attend the meeting. Proxy voting is not allowed by our Constitution.

This is an exciting time for the candidate and St James! The identify of the candidate will remain confidential until the "Meet and Greet," as the pastor is in a current call to a congregation.

Your prayers for the Call Process and this important time at St James is a blessing!

Please address any questions to the leaders who signed below.

Maria Edlund
Council President

Darcie Gorell-Evers
Council Vice-President

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Bridge Pastor